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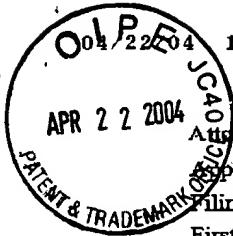
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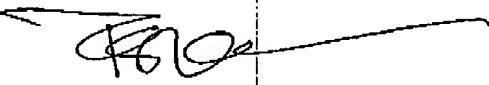
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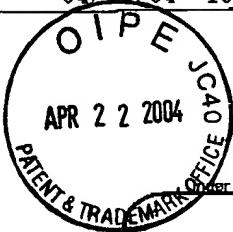
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Claims 1-25, 27 and 31-36, along with any rejoined portions of claims 28-30, are pending in the case. Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the enclosed Remarks.

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